

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## FIRE VICTIMS CAN PICK UP WELFARE CHECKS AT LOCAL POST OFFICES

County Helps Displaced Public Assistance Recipients Get Their Checks In the Aftermath of Wildfires

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency has made temporary arrangements with the U.S. Post Office, to permit public assistance recipients to pick up their checks for November 1, at their local post office. Checks cannot be forwarded to another address.

Under normal circumstances, welfare checks may only be delivered to the recipient's home mailbox, and may not be held at the post office. The exemption will remain in effect until normal mail delivery is resumed to those areas affected by fire.

Checks or other public assistance correspondence will only be released to the person whose name appears on the envelope, and acceptable government identification will be required for verification. Any welfare checks or related mail not picked up within 10 days will be returned to sender. For more information, public assistance recipients can contact the County, toll free, at (866) 262-9881.

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